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BLACK CANYON WRECKS KOLB'S EXPEDITION

Three Days of Frightful Adventure And The Gun- nison Whirlpool Blocked The Way

News readers were interested in Bertha Metzger's story July 27, of the proposed expedition of Elsworth Kolb and his three companions down the Black Canyon of the Gunnison for the purpose of gathering engineering data for the Denver and Rio Grande railroad and to add more pictures to the collection of the Kolb Brothers. The sequel to that story may now be told since the expedition has been completely wrecked in the attempt to make the passage thru the canyon.

On Wednesday July 26 the four men of the party launched their two boats and a life raft just above the mouth of the Cimarron river. The mad waters of the Gunnison soon tore to pieces one boat and the raft. The plans of the party were rearranged and another start was made on Friday. The single boat was let down the river with tow lines. The men frequently dragged into the turbulent waters, but by helping each other and swimming a good deal, six miles were made. Sore and still weary the trip was resumed the following day, but the utmost endeavors of the party could only accomplish one mile of the perilous passage. Again the journey was taken up and the men fought the raging torrent, sometimes in the water and sometimes clinging to the walls of the canyon. The day's fearful exertions netted the party five miles—but they were the last. They were now down to the furious whirlpool of the Gunnison which none may pass and live. Again and again on the following day they essayed to make progress, only to be thrown back with great violence by the swirling waters. Night found them at the morning's starting point, sore, beaten and discouraged.

The situation was thoroughly studied in the morning. To go forward was impossible and to go back was equally impossible. There was only one way to escape and that was to climb 3,500 feet of nearly perpendicular precipice. This they did and they are alive to tell their wonderful tale of adventure and make plans for another attempt to go down Black Canyon when the water is at low stage.

MEETING OF WOMAN'S CLUB

There will be a meeting of the Woman's Club Friday afternoon Aug. 18, from 2:30 to 3:30 at the home of Mrs. E. A. Miller.

Mr. J. A. Lyons, a very prominent sheepman of Winslow, is in Williams looking after business matters.

A Word of Thanks

Winslow, Ariz., Aug. 14, 1916
Editor Williams News

Dear Sir:—
The members of Pacific Lodge 173 B. L. F. & E. and The Ladies Society of Ruby Hill Lodge 183 B. L. F. & E. wishes to thank the good people of Williams who were so generous to lend a helping hand and so kindly assisted us during the death and burial of our beloved brother Fred L. Terry.

Yours Respectfully
A. C. Miller
Recording Secy.

WANTED---A DEMO- CRATIC CANDIDATE

Two republicans of Coconino County have announced their candidacy for the republican nomination for the office of representative in the legislature. Are Coconino's democrats going to let this office go by default? Surely Williams can find a democrat who would fill this office satisfactorily and who would accept the nomination, were his friends to urge him to do so. No time should be lost in moving in the matter. The time limit will soon expire.

P. S. RONAN FOR JUSTICE OF PEACE

P. S. Ronan who has announced his candidacy for the nomination for Justice of the Peace of Williams Precinct on the republican ticket is known to every one in Williams and to a great many people outside of Williams. He has lived in Williams eight years and has been in business here for nearly the whole time. His only promise to Williams voters is that, if elected to the office of Justice of the Peace, he will strive to perform the duties of the office with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of law-abiding people.

S. S. ACKER FOR COUNTY TREASURER

In this issue appears the announcement of S. S. Acker for the office of County Treasurer. Mr. Acker promised the people that he would try and be the right man in the right place, and he thinks he has made good.

According to the present law no Treasurer can hold this office but two terms, and he asks that you support him at the coming election with the same liberal vote you gave him two years ago.

His motto is the same now as then, "What is just and right for one man is just and right for all." In the year 1915 he collected \$18,356.13 back taxes that were delinquent from one to five years, and not with standing the twice a year payment of taxes which makes twice as much work in the office, the expense of running the office has been less than in previous years.

Mr. Acker is an old timer coming to this county in 1877, he worked hard and spent a good deal of his own money to defeat the bill granting a subsidy to the Seligman and Prescott R. R. and on which this county is now paying interest on \$159,000.99, their proportion of that debt that was assumed when this county was formed.

At the election two years ago Mr. Acker carried this precinct by a very large majority and he has given such general satisfaction that his name should be even better received this year.

Booze Plenty, Drunks Common

The interpretation which our local court has placed on the federal court decision relating to the shipment into a prohibition state of liquor for personal use is likely to fill Williams full of booze and the streets with drunks. The same suitcases full of liquor over which there was controversy in the court were noticed to come into town on No. 10 last Friday night and on the same night men were stopped on the street by drunken rowdies.

PERSONAL & LOCAL

Mr. F. M. Gold made a business trip to Flag. Tuesday.

Mr. J. M. Holub is in Ash Fork for a few days on business.

Come to the News office and get free seeds for your garden. Now is the time to plant.

For quick reliable transfer service by auto truck see or phone W. J. Parker. Phone No. 43. tf.

Why should Maricopa County have two Corporation Commissioners? Vote for Miller of Yuma! Adv. 9-7-16

Any one wishing a beautiful hand crocheted bed-spread write to Mrs. Gordon Hollaway, Grand Canyon.

Mr. Albert A. Grant of Los Angeles has secured the position of porter at the Santa Fe station and will begin work to-morrow.

Mr. Craig Pottinger and wife of Flagstaff spent Sunday in Williams. Mr. Pottinger is editor of the Northern Arizona Leader.

Miller has been in Arizona 33 years and knows the wants of the people.

Mr. Geo. Black of Oak Creek was in Williams last Saturday with a load of fine peaches. The Oak Creek fruit is O. K.

S. S. Aker of Flagstaff was in Williams last Saturday. Mr. Aker is Treasurer of Coconino county and he seeks reelection.

Mr. and Mrs. Naigler of the Hat ranch were in Williams yesterday, Wednesday, attending to some matters of business.

A new concrete sidewalk has been built by Messrs Miller, Reese, Babbitt and Ronan in front of their property in Block 5 on Bill Williams avenue.

Vote for the Pioneer, P. J. Miller! Adv. 9-7-16

Mr. Harry Hibben, prominent Flagstaff sheepman, was a visitor in Williams Monday. Mr. Hibben reports that the tanks on his ranch near Willaha are full and the grazing fine.

The following were appointed by Sheriff Dickinson to act as special deputies at the Red Lake celebration Thursday, Aug. 17: L. S. Williams, F. W. Boulton, H. D. Boulton, K. L. Hughes and P. G. Hale.

Col. W. T. Hittson of Cisco, Texas, has been in Williams several days looking after the settlement of the estate of his son Jess who was killed in the Red Lake country last November. Col. Hittson has a 2,000 acre ranch in Texas and considerable stock interests.

Mrs. Boone entertained the two younger classes of the Episcopal Sunday school at the Parish House last Thursday afternoon. The tables were decorated with sweet peas. The children were entertained with various games and refreshments of sherbet and cake were served.

Mrs. May McCoy and her three children who have been with friends in Michigan for several months are back in Williams and probably to stay. Mrs. McCoy enjoys the freedom and large-heartedness of the west.

Mrs. Jesse Boyce of Phoenix is visiting with Mr. C. E. Boyce. Mrs. Boyce does not expect to return to Phoenix until the hot season is over. Mr. Jesse Boyce is busy pushing his candidacy for the democratic nomination for the State auditor.

SCHOOLHOUSE TO BE SPICK AND SPAN

Thoro Renovation by Water, Oil and Varnish

The Williams school board is sparing no pains to put the schoolhouse in first class condition for the year of school which will begin 8-28. The hall floors are receiving a coat of hard floor varnish while the floors of the rooms are being oiled with disinfecting floor oil. The wood work was varnished last year. This year it has been thoroughly cleaned with water and disinfected. The seats of all the rooms have received like treatment. Even the books in the library have been carefully disinfected. When the work of preparation is all done the building, outside and in, will look spick and span.

The contractors promise that the addition will be completed in time for the beginning of school. The new rooms will be seated with single seats of the most modern design. They will have a shelf on the right hand side for convenience in writing. Several new bookcases will be ready for use by the beginning of the school year. The bookcases were included in the contract with Baumann & Hinds who are building the addition.

The drinking water at the schoolhouse has never been entirely satisfactory and many pupils have carried water to school. The school board has remedied this fault by securing permission from Mr. Buggeln to take water from his well near by. The water from the Buggeln well is of excellent quality and easily the best in the city. The water will be piped to the schoolhouse and the drinking fountains will be supplied with it.

With the additional room which the school board has provided; with the whole building in excellent condition; with a corps of good teachers such as the school board succeeded in securing last year the Williams school will be able to do the twelve grades of school work as well as any school in the country.

WATCH-OUT FOR THIS MAN

He is a short stocky man with a florid complexion and apparently about 35 years old. He is selling wall mottoes and if the lady of the house does not choose to buy, he becomes insulting and proceeds to ask her a number of impertinent questions about her family. In one instance he broke back into the house after being dismissed and threatened the lady that he would see that her husband was defeated in his campaign for public office. The News warns its readers to watch-out for this man and to send him on his way with a "swift kick."

Roller-Skating at Silvernail Hall

The Maccabees will give a roller skating party at Silvernail Hall next Tuesday, Aug. 22 at 8 P. M. Refreshments of ice cream and cake will be on hand. Admission 25 cts.

Diffenbaugh-King

Mr. F. R. Diffenbaugh and Mrs. Mary King were married in Flagstaff last Saturday by Rev. Hamblay of the Federated Church. Mr. Diffenbaugh has charge of the signal service of the Santa Fe.

A Reward to Finder

Lost Monday morning—a breast-pin with half carat diamond surrounded by blue enamel with gold flagree edge. Reward, if left with Mr. Root at bank.

SOCIAL ITEMS

Thimble Bee Meets Wednesday

The Thimble Bee of the Methodist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Bengston next Wednesday, August 23. All members should be present.

Mrs. DeBolt and Mrs. Hughes, Prize Winners

Mrs. Chas. Elliott entertained Wednesday afternoon with nine tables of "500". Mrs. DeBolt capturing first prize and Mrs. Hughes second. The rooms were beautifully decorated with sweet peas. Refreshments were served and Mrs. Elliott's guests spent a very pleasant and much-enjoyed afternoon due to the graciousness of their hostess.

Mrs. Hill of Flagstaff is the week-end guest of Mrs. R. C. Wentz.

Dr. and Mrs. Miller entertained last Sunday with a dinner. Covers were laid for seven. The dinner was very much enjoyed as also were the afternoon and evening. Dr. and Mrs. Miller excel as host and hostess.

Saturday Morning, Mrs. James Kennedy entertained with two tables of bridge. Mrs. Wm. Hughes captured first honors. At noon a most delicious turkey dinner was served.

Covers were laid for sixteen. The occasion was Mrs. Kennedy's birthday all departed voting Mrs. Kennedy a most gracious hostess wishing her many happy returns of the day.

Mrs. Jerry Lee entertained Mrs. Jesse Boyce of Phoenix at dinner Monday evening.

Grady Gammage General Secretary of Arizona Temperance Federation and Herbert E. Nixon will hold two prohibition meetings in Williams Friday Aug. 18th. The first meeting will be at the bandstand at seven o'clock, the second at the Methodist church at eight o'clock. Those who can not attend one of these meetings may attend the other.

No voter should fail to hear this message.

Everyone will be delighted by Mr. Nixon's high class music, as well as his parodies. He has the greatest tenor voice in the state and is known as the "Caruso of the desert."

The New School Principal Is Here

Prof. L. E. McFadden who will fill the position of Principal of the Williams Public Schools the coming year came in with his family last week Monday as the News intended to announce last week but thru a mistake did not succeed in doing so. Professor McFadden comes to Williams from Chandler, Ariz., where he served as principal of the Chandler school for two years. He is a graduate of the Boulder University, Colorado, and carries the A. B. degree.

Prof. McFadden's educational equipment and successful school experience are a reasonable guarantee that the Williams Public school will prosper under his management. Prof. McFadden has established his family, consisting of wife and two children, in the Judge X. N. Steeves house on Sheridan Avenue.

Miss Woodward of Los Angeles is spending a few weeks with Miss Edna Buggeln.

SOME HIKE, THEIRS---

Phoenix to New York—Girls Go by Way of San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco

Misses Jennie and Neva Lewis and Miss Lucile Riddle of Mesa who are on a hike from Phoenix, Ariz., to New York by the way of San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco reached Williams Sunday night, having covered the distance from Grand Canyon to Williams since Friday of last week. These young women left Phoenix July 12th and have made an average of 30 miles a day, they say. They left Monday morning for Ash Fork which they expect to make easily by night. Then it's on to Needles which they expect to reach in a little more than a week.

Clad in kahaki and with faces tanned to an Arizona brown the "Arizona Hikers" look fit for the trip. They are making expenses by selling photographs of themselves in different settings. The girls propose to write a book on their trip when they get back to their Arizona home.

The Arizona Hikers have been reported to have caused some fluttering of masculine hearts along the trip. Having looked the trio over, the News believes they are capable of taking care of themselves and will return to their Mesa home in single blessedness and with virtue unassailed.

PROF. AND MRS. THORNER TO LECTURE HERE SOON

Prof. and Mrs. Thorner who were in Williams as guests of Mr. A. Sine last week will be back from Grand Canyon next week. Mrs. Thorner is president of the State Audubon Society and she wishes to speak to the children of Williams and their parents about the habits of birds and the importance of preventing their destruction. It is hoped that Prof. Thorner will lecture on trees and plants and tell us the lands which may be profitably cultivated in this locality. The Woman's Club will arrange for the meetings.

ANOTHER WASHOUT ON CANYON WILLIAMS ROAD

On Saturday evening Engineer J. Tooker, of the 7:40 train from Grand Canyon to Williams, seeing the condition of the track brought his train back to the Canyon. The heavy rains had washed down and in places covered the track. On Sunday morning after the track had been thoroughly investigated, the trainload of belated passenger were taken through to Williams.

J. D. DUNN SEEKS REELECTION

Mr. J. D. Dunn who seeks reelection to the office of County Assessor is a Flagstaff man of several years residence. He was elected to the office of County Assessor two years ago and seeks reelection this year on his official record. Mr. Dunn is too well known in Coconino county to need an extensive write-up. Everybody knows him. He invites an examination of his record and feels confident that it will bear thoro inspection. It looks reasonable that Coconino county voters will want to grant him the customary second term.